

REPORT OF AID

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IN

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We testify to the need of this charity, and believe that the money given to it will be faithfully and judiciously expended.

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THIS WORK WAS BEGUN IN 1873, AT THE EARNEST DESIRE AND WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF DR. SUSAN E. DIMOCK AND HER FRIEND BESSIE GREENE. AFTER THEIR EARLY DEATH IN 1875, IT WAS CONTINUED, GUIDED AND LARGELY SUPPORTED BY THE WISE COUNSEL AND GENEROUS KINDNESS OF FRIENDS, NOW NO LONGER LIVING. AMONG THOSE TO WHOM WE OWE MOST GRATITUDE ARE: MRS. WILLIAM B. GREENE, MRS. JAMES FREEMAN CLARKE, MRS. OTTO DRESEL, MRS. ELIOT C. CLARKE, MRS. CHARLES J. PAINE.

MARCH 24, 1904, THE CHARITY BECAME INCORPORATED, AND WE HOPE NOW FOR A PERMANENT LIFE, AND EVER-INCREASING USEFULNESS.

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OBJECTS AND METHODS OF OUR WORK.

The main points which distinguish this from other charities are : —

1. The working without an institution, and thus coming into personal relations with those whom we help, while we avoid the heavy expenses and cumbrous methods which all institutions require.

If our account of expenditure is examined and compared with that of any home or hospital, it will be seen that, with little expense, we assist a large number of women.

2. Ours is the only charity in Boston which has for its object the assistance of *mothers*, as such, both married and unmarried. Others aid “fallen women,” “friendless girls,” and the like. While including the unmarried among our mothers, we think it more wholesome to aid them as “mothers” than as “fallen.”

3. While the first two points still distinguish us from other charities, with objects, at least, partly similar, our third principle, we are glad to say, has been adopted, to some extent at least, by others.

When we began our work, in 1873, there was in Boston *no* charity intended to care for infants which did not involve the separation of the mother and child. Now there are several which see clearly the advantage of keeping together a mother and infant, even when the mother is unmarried. A woman who is parted from her child is more likely to yield a second time to temptation. One who retains the personal charge of her baby has a wholesome occupation for her mind and heart, and a constant incentive to an upright, industrious life.

The address of Miss Clarke is No. 27 Fayette Street, Boston. Her room (up one flight) is open to any one who desires to consult her, every week-day, 10 to 1 o'clock, and 2.30 to 4.30 P.M.

The address of Miss Parkman is Room 48, Charity Building, Chardon Street, Boston. Her room is open on Monday and Thursday from 2 to 4 P.M.

REPORT

FOR

1903.

This has been an interesting and important year in the history of our work.

We have assisted 336 mothers (each figure representing a mother and an infant) with an expenditure of somewhat under \$3,000.

In the branch at 27 Fayette Street, where two assistants were employed, and the rent of the rooms paid, 233 mothers were helped; and the whole expense (including two salaries and rent) was \$2,081.88, or less than \$10, on an average, for each mother and infant assisted.

The importance of continuing our work will be understood when it is considered that many of our mothers, if not receiving aid from us, will be obliged to apply to institutions, whose expenditure on each case is, of necessity, much larger (about eight or ten times as large).

It seems good economy, therefore, that we should be enabled to assist applicants who by our methods may become self-supporting or who need but little help in money, other charities receiving those who may require the peculiar advantages and protection of institutional methods.

We do not supplant these other charities, but supplement them. We have worked with several of these for years in the friendliest relations, and they are in the habit of referring applicants to us. Among these may be mentioned the Children's

Aid Society, the Children's Mission, the Children's Friend, the Boston Lying-in Hospital, and the House of Mercy. When applicants are in need of institutional aid, we refer them to these other charities, who are always ready to receive and shelter a case, which they regard as adapted to their objects and methods.

For our work two assistants, at least, are necessary. One of these is at our room in the morning to receive applications, the other in the afternoon. Each, therefore, retains one-half day for visiting, investigating, and other important outside work.

In work of this kind it is necessary that the paid service should be not only thorough, but of a high quality. We have been fortunate in securing service of this nature, and it is now all-important that it should be retained and continued.

One unusual item may be noticed in our account of expenditure,—the wages of a nurse. It is the first time in our history that such an expense has been necessary. The mother for whom it was incurred was sent with her infant to a family, consisting of three ladies, in a small country town. Soon after she arrived, she was taken ill with typhoid fever, one of the family of her employers at the same time being seriously ill with influenza. As it was impossible to remove the typhoid fever patient, it seemed fair to pay half the wages of a nurse who took the chief care of both invalids. We also paid a moderate fee to the doctor who attended both patients. After recovering sufficiently to be moved, the young girl was received (with her child) by her own mother, who lives in a New England town.

The following letters have been selected from a large number received from mothers assisted in 1903, and are fairly representative.

Except where otherwise stated, they are from the unmarried.

(Taken in 1903.)

FEB. 10, 1904.

Dear Miss L.,—I guess it is about time I should answer your letter which I received some time ago. . . .

I could not find a better friend than you were to me, I, a perfect stranger to you. I am more than thankful to you for your kindness in finding me such a nice, happy home. I feel perfectly happy here, and Miss R. and her father are so very kind to me. She told me that she wrote to you. I think Miss R. is just lovely. I have a very pleasant time indeed with them, and I may say there is *no* work here. I try to scrape up some work to do, but the first thing I know she is behind me to stop me and make me sit down and to take it easy; and as for baby T. they have him all the time with them in the parlor. Every lady seems to be taken with him. He is just as cunning as he can be. The poor child felt the change very much. The two of us seem to have a cold, off and on, but the poor little fellow is so good that he is no bother.

I have been to church every Sunday since I came here. The old man takes care of the baby while we are to church. The church is quite close to the house. So I will conclude with lots of love from ———.

(Taken in 1903.)

DEC. 24, 1903.

My dear Miss L.,—I thank you with all my heart for the nice warm night-gown you sent me,—It was the one thing I really did need,—and such nice goods for my little doll. I will make them as soon as I can.

Yes, I did get a letter from my darling mother. She has suffered so much on my account, and to be kept in such suspense has been hard on her. She sent me five dollars, and said she would send baby a coat in time for Christmas; but I did not receive it yet. I feel so much better and easier in my mind now, and life seems brighter every day.

The baby is doing fine. If you could see her now, you would hardly think it was the same child I brought down here, and she is so cunning. When I go to her box to take her up, she will laugh and kick and jump, and she is more than good. She is a perfect little love.

My sister wrote to me, too, and they want (both her and mother) to make B.'s clothes. I had planned to make them myself this winter, but cannot buy anything in——to make them with, and up there they can get things just as cheap as you can in Boston. So I think maybe it will be wise for me to let them make the most of her short clothes, don't you?

The children have a Christmas tree, and have it fixed up real nice. They have all had some beautiful presents sent them, and little Mary is so happy. She is a darling little girl. I love her dearly. She is an old-fashioned child.

I was very much taken up with that little note, "Brace up and be cheerful." I read it every time I get a chance to sit down long enough to study it out. I think I must be a sort of pessimist, always thinking up things ahead of time.

I hope you will have a Merry Christmas, and that the New Year will be a happy and the most prosperous one you have ever had. Your reward will surely come tenfold for being so good to those who need you; and thanking you again for your nice present, I will close for the time, with much love to you.

The candy was delicious. Mary hung the little bag on the Christmas tree.

3.

(German. Taken in 1903.)

SEPTEMBER, 1903.

My dear Miss M.,—I was very happy to receive your letter. I was so glad to hear from you; so good of you to write to me. I hope that you did have a nice time while you were away on your vacation.

Well, I must tell you that I am feeling very much better than I did before, and I am so glad; and little R. is fine, he is growing every day, you would not know him if you saw him now; and he has been very good, too. I keep him outdoors all day, and think it is very good for him. I am having a nice time out here, they are all very good to me, so I like very well out here. I don't think that I could have come to a better place to get well than I did.

Very truly.

4.

(Taken in 1903.)

DEC. 11, 1903.

Dear Miss L.,—I have received your letter, and was very pleased to hear from you, and I feel very grateful to you for all the interest you have taken in me and the baby. Since I have been here, I have tried to do all that has been required of me; and, if you hear any reports of my doing anything wrong or refusing to do my duty, it will not be my fault, as I have done my best to please each and every one whom I have to please.

Thanking you again for your interest, I am,

Yours sincerely.

(From the same.)

DEC. 27, 1903.

Dear Miss L.,— I take the pleasure of returning you thanks for the gift you sent to myself and the baby. I was very much surprised on receiving it. We had a very good time out here. Miss N. did everything she could to make the time pleasant for us. Out here is a very good place: you can feel at home. I know how I shall miss it when the time comes for me to go. I hope that it will be a long time yet.

Thanking you again for your interest and goodness both to myself and the baby, I am still
Yours sincerely.

5.

(From a young colored girl, taken first in 1902, eighteen years old at that time.)

JANUARY, 1903.

My dear Friend Miss M.,— I am doing fine now. A. weighs twenty-one pounds and three-quarters. He is a big boy now. Will you come out to see me and A.? I would like to see you very much, dear Miss M. Oh, yes, the little shoes you sent me is too small for him, and I want to know if you could change them for me, and get fives for him. His feet is so large till it take a big shoe for him. I like my underskirt you sent to me very much. It is nice and warm for me. I am making it now. If you can change the shoes, I will send them to you; for that will save me buying a pair of shoes. They are such nice little shoes,— they are so pretty. He sit alone now, too. He is smart little [boy]. He will be seven months old Friday,— soon will be creeping.

This is a good place for anybody,— everything good to eat,— milk and cocoa, tea and coffee, gruel, too,— everything nice, too.*

Will you please send me a rubber rattle for him? I will be pleased for it. He like something to chew on, for his gums hurts. I like to stay as long as I can, and go when I can't help it. A. look like a baby a year old instead of seven months,— he is so big. He is a dear little soul, too. All like him. I spent my Christmas very nice, and I had lots of nice presents give to me. Nothing more to say. Good-bye.

(From the same.)

JULY, 1903.

My dear Miss M.,— I received your kind letter, and was glad to hear from you, my dear friend. I think you are a dear friend to A. and me, and

* At this time the writer was employed as nurse at the Massachusetts Infant Asylum.

I would be willing to do anything in the world for you. I shall never forget you. I don't think that any one could [be] any kinder to me and baby than you have. I often sat down and think how you did plan for baby and me, and, if it had not been for you, what would become of us. Now there is something I want to ask you. I have asked everybody, and they say, "M., suit yourself." There is a fellow that comes in to Boston on a steamship. I have known him about five years, and he wants me to marry him. I have not told him, because I thought I had better think it over to myself. Now what do you think about it? Tell me just what you think, because I want to do what is right. He said he would not mistreat the baby for anything in the world. So I told him I would go through fire for A., so, if I should marry, he must be good to him as he is to me, and better, too, because he is a little darling child. He says, "I think he is so cunning." He wants me to tell him in September what I will do. Now you tell me what you think, because I don't want to jump off and marry and not know what I am going to do.

I am coming up to Boston the last of this month to see you, my dear friend. A. weighs twenty-eight pounds now, and he is fourteen months old. He is getting fat, and ge's more teeth, too, and he is so good; but he don't walk yet, but I think he will soon. Well, I must close now, with love to Miss——from baby and me. Good-night. Baby sends lots of kisses for you. Hoping to see you soon.

(From the same.)

AUGUST, 1903.

As we have been so busy cleaning house until now, I haven't had time to write to you before now. You will not know A. when you see him, he has grown so and just as fat as he can be, and he runs all over the house. I put him out on the grass, and he comes right back in the shed, trying to open the door to get in the kitchen, and, when he finds out he can't get the door open, he gets mad and screams as loud as he can. He is a very naughty boy sometimes, but is a good boy most of the time. I would not give him up for the world, not for all the money in it; for he is a lovely little boy. He can shake "day" now with his little fat hand: he is a dear little thing. I hope and pray to the Lord every day of my life for him to be a good boy. When he is grown up to be a man, if he is spared to live, he will. Anyway, nothing but death will part us, for he is such a dear little thing. He has not given me one day's trouble yet since here we have been.

Well, good-bye. Baby sends kisses for you. Hoping to see your face again in life, good-night.

(French; Taken in 1902.)

APRIL 23, 1903.

My dear Miss J.,—I have the pleasure for to write to you for to tell you that I am well and happy, also my dear little baby. She got so fat and big, you will never know her; and she is so cunning, nobody can't help to love her. Mrs. E. is very fond of her.

My dear Miss —, I was very happy when I got your letter, so nice and kind. I would like to write to you long time before this, but I was always so tired. I am thinking about you every day, and that I would like to see you. Mrs. E. told me that she will write to you next week, and ask you to come take tea with her. I will be so glad to see you again.

My dear Miss L., I learn some French to Miss —. She will know French soon. She take me to drive some time. I enjoy it very much. Mrs. E. buy a little carriage for baby, and I put her out every day. I feel so happy when I see her happy. I can't tell how much I love that dear baby. The world would be nothing to me without her, she is getting so lovely. You will be glad when you see her.

My dear Miss L., I hope that you are well. I suppose you are always busy.
Votre toute affectionée —.

(Taken in 1902.)

FEB. 15, 1903.

My dear Miss M.,—I received your very welcome letter yesterday afternoon. Poor little L. and I arrived all right out in our beautiful country home by the lake, and I am pleased to tell you I like the folks very much. They seem very nice, everybody waiting on themselves, providing (excepting) the family is pretty large. They all has to do part of the work, not all waiting for one, like the last place I have been at. They could not do anything themselves. However, I have forgotten them out there where I was before. I shall not speak of them.

I thought you had forgotten all about me; but I am glad you have not, as I shall always remember you.

They are all at church this evening. L. is getting along nicely, only she fell sick one night last week, as I am giving her the plain cow's milk again; and I guess the change of food made her sick, when the Mellin's food was all used up and I had to give her milk.

If you will kindly send my trunk and coat, I shall enclose one dollar to pay express.

(Taken in 1902.)

DEC. 31, 1903.

Dear Friend Miss L.,—Your letter and also your handsome presents have come. Dear Miss L., I think you are more than kind to me. I am afraid I will not be able to appreciate your very sincere kindness to me. However, I am going to try hard to keep my place and save some money, and I guess that will please you. I have not been able to save much so far, for I had to have some warm clothes for the winter. I sent five dollars to the bank the first of December, and that makes a little start to encourage more. F. is very well. He had quite a severe cold. My cold is improving.

Dear Miss L., I expect to go to Boston a week from to-morrow, if nothing happens. I shall get there by 1 P.M., and shall go right to you, as I did the last day. I shall be pleased to have a talk with you.

Dear Miss L., you asked me if I heard from my sister. I have not heard from my sister.

Thanking you for your kindness and love, from

Yours truly.

(Taken in 1901.)

APRIL, 1903.

Dear Miss M.,—This is baby's birthday,—two years old; and I am going to celebrate it by writing a few lines to you. It was such a delightful day that we took a walk almost down to the beach. Everything looks so clean after the rain, and the grass is like a most beautiful velvet carpet. The robins are flying from branch to branch of the trees, singing a joyful tune as they go, and the frogs are peeping all through the evening hours.

I was in hopes that I would be in Boston for Easter, to see my sister.

I shall be a little sorry to leave this beautiful place; but I think, as you do, that there are other things of more value than money.

Hoping to see you soon, and wishing that you will have a most pleasant and happy Easter-tide, I am, as ever,

Yours sincerely.

(Taken in 1900.)

SEPTEMBER, 1903.

My dear Friend,—I suppose you think I have forgotten you, but it is not so. I think of you every day.

I had a letter from H., he says he is well: he is improving in his writing

every day. I know he will be glad to see me, and I will be to see him: he writes so cunning. God bless him and spare him his health. I will soon see him, the latter part of this month. I know he must have grown big since last I saw him.

Well, dear friend, I am sending a letter to you to post to H. for me, if it won't be too much to ask: it was a great wonder that he did not want something to wear, but for a wonder he did not. I hope Mrs. — and family are well: remember me to them. I shall never forget their kindness to H. all summer, and you also, dear friend.

Now I must tell you a little about myself. I am enjoying very good health, thank God. I only wish they would stay down all winter. I would be happy, for I would be earning for H. when he would grow up, to give him a chance in the world.

Well, it is just beautiful down here. The leaves are all turning brown. We take a walk on Sunday afternoon. You won't know me when you see me, I have such a good color, and my back don't trouble me only once in a while. Thank God for that!

We have no church now. Miss — was very good. She let me go every Sunday. She is a very good lady, and her mother is just lovely.

II.

(From the Swede mentioned in the Report of 1902. First assisted several years ago as an unmarried mother, and married later. She took a situation in order to earn money to pay a debt, contracted while her husband was out of work. At the date of this report the debt is paid, and she and her husband are at housekeeping again.)

JANUARY, 1903.

Dear Miss L.,— Pardon me, please, for not answering your kind letter before, but, as I dread to write in English I have been putting it off day from day. Little H. and myself are feeling very nicely. I learned how to telephone right away: I did not find it hard at all. When Mrs. — is away, I have to answer and deliver the messages to her when she gets home, and sometimes I have to call up certain places. Of course, I suppose I don't know it as well as any one who is used to it all the time. The work is not hard, as everything is very convenient and handy, and I sit down whenever I can.

My husband, he says, he will come out for me at the very first chance he gets, and give me the money he have. As long as the bank account is started, I think he is glad to add to it what he can.

(Taken about nine or ten years ago. Receives no help in money, but writes to us.)

JANUARY, 1903.

My dear Miss M.,—I received your nice letter. It is so good of you to write such a nice letter. Thank you very much.

I had a very pleasant Christmas and New Year's also. I often think of the poor people this winter in the city, how hard it must be for them. I had a letter a few weeks ago from a friend telling me that it is very hard this winter in Boston; and Miss —— gave me some waists that I did not want, so I sent them to ——. I pity them. I am thankful that I am so comfortable here in the country. We can have all the wood that we can burn.

How glad I will be to see you! Be sure and let me know when you will start. I am counting the days. W. is growing a big boy, and I often feel that I ought to be doing something about his church. It is snowing hard here this afternoon, Sunday.

It is very kind in you to remember me at Christmas. Thank you very much. Good-bye, and write soon as ever you can.

Your true friend.

(From the same.)

OCTOBER, 1903.

My dear Miss M.,—I must write you a few lines. Just think, I am here at the White Mountains with Mrs.,——. The girl had gone for near two weeks, and, when they came back, Mrs. —— said that we must come to the White Mountains. It is beautiful here. I wish that you could be here. We walked about five miles. We went up to the top of Mt. Surprise: it was a beautiful sight. We can see Mt. Washington from our piazza where we stay. When you think [of it] where would you get another family that would take their girl to the mountains because I have had no rest this summer?

It rains to-day, so we can't walk out. We are going to drive, and then I shall see some sights. There is sights to be seen here: the foliage is lovely, and the pine woods. There is paths through, so you can walk right along. Oh, I wish you could be here! You must know what a treat it is to me to be here with Mrs.,——, she is so beautiful. The girls are taking care of W. We walked fully five miles yesterday in the pine groves.

We are going to visit the Indian camps. They make Indian baskets, so I will see them. Well, I must close and say good-bye, with lots of love to you from

Your friend.

(From a married mother.)

Dear Friend,—Your very welcome letter received. Yes, I sincerely hope the New Year may be full of blessings for each of us. I did not expect to hear from you sooner, because I know there must be many demands on your time and strength. I would enjoy hearing from you at any time, but do not work too hard. You know we owe a duty to ourselves, and *good* people are not too plentiful.

Yes, Mrs. — gave me a steam-heated room off from hers, and we are very comfortably situated. I hope to be able to stay here all through the winter on account of baby: changing is so hard for her. Well, we have had quite a siege sometimes. It does seem that one's cup is more than full, if such a thing could be. . . .

She has been so kind to baby and I. She is very kind-hearted, and they all seem to think so much of baby. She is a cute little thing, if she is mine.

Will you please give me the name and address of the Matron at the Home for Working Women? I owe her a quarter, and I want to write her a little letter. I have had to put my baby on Mellin's food. She takes two 50 cent bottles a week, so you see I am not hoarding. If I can stand the work here, I will be all right; but you can remember me, and, if a better opportunity presents itself, I will be ready.

The following notes are from employers. The first five are in regard to unmarried mothers: the last two speak of married women.

1.

Dear Miss L.,—S. has been with me a month, and so far I can speak a good word for her. She is anxious to please, does her work well, and is a most excellent girl. I am glad now I took her when I had the opportunity. I only hope she will do as well when I am absent. The baby has grown a good deal and is of a happy disposition and usually good. S. *says* she is happy, and I certainly hope she is.

Thanking you for your assistance in procuring her for me.

I am very truly yours.

2.

Dear Miss —,—I think A. and the baby are beginning to feel at home. I like A. *very much*, but realize that she is *not strong*. She has

quite a little pain in her side, but I am quite sure the doctor can give her something for that and her back. I put the heavy and hardest things in the laundry, and the other things she said she could do. Now for the baby. I had Dr. — come in and see the baby: she did not seem to digest the milk as she should. The doctor said she lacked nourishment. He has put her on mostly cream with the lime water, etc., and the baby *really looks better*, and A. says she *never* slept so well in her life. I do hope A. will like us, and I do all that I can to make her happy. She never complains, and is good and kind and willing, and it is a pleasure to see her with her baby. She does love it dearly.

I will write again if the baby does not improve.

Sincerely yours.

3.

Dear Miss —, — C. arrived Friday P.M. I sent my niece to meet her at the station, so she got along all right, but seemed very tired. I have tried to make it as easy as possible for her, so she could get rested. She seems very willing and a very nice-dispositioned girl, and I am in hopes we shall both be satisfied with the situation and get along all right.

I delayed writing until now as I thought I could judge her more fairly. She says she had to work pretty hard in the last place: she certainly seemed all tired out for two days. The baby is very heavy, and I realize she had just had a tiresome trip coming from —. C. is a neat girl, and does her work well, and is very kind to her baby, and I like that in her.

Very truly yours.

4.

Dear Miss —, — Hope you will excuse my not writing before, but I have been more than busy.

We are very much pleased with M. in *every way*: she is one of the best girls we have ever had. She seems very contented and happy. I talked with her, and asked if I should say this to you, and she said *yes*. You would hardly know the baby, she is so fat and strong.

M. has had more to do than we intended, because another girl we engaged failed to appear; but we shall have more help very soon, and things will not seem so crowded.

Mrs. S. is more than pleased with her, and hopes to keep her right along.

I am very truly yours.

5.

JUNE 5, 1903.

My dear Miss L.,— I feel that I must send you a line, to tell you how well pleased I am with —. She truly tries, and succeeds well. She is gentle and amiable and always willing.

She seems happy and well, and the baby is very cunning; and, while it cries to be taken up, we see that it is only spoiled, for it eats splendidly, and we think that very soon it will have better habits.

6.

FEB. 8, 1903.

Dear Miss M.,— Just a few lines, to tell you that, after a week's acquaintance with Mrs. R., I am of opinion that the second experiment is a success, and you have sent just the right one.

The little girl is cunning and very nicely trained. We have already fallen quite in love with her.

With many thanks for your interest and help.

7.

JUNE, 1903.

It is so long since you have heard from us that I feel sure you will be interested to know that — is still very satisfactory to us and seems contented.

She said last fall that by this spring or next fall, when the baby could walk, she thought she could do better by taking a city place where she could get higher wages and the baby could board near by. I told her I thought it would amount to about the same financially and the baby would be under some one's else care, but that of course I could not blame her if she thought she were bettering herself.

Last December Dr. —'s step-mother, who is quite old and was a great care, was sent to the hospital, so E's work was much lighter; but we have kept on paying her \$3 a week and continue to put out the laundry work. Since February we have kept a man; but, as he brings fuel and freezes ice-cream, etc., he helps her in some ways, as well as increasing her work in others. She has his room to take care of, but not his laundry work to do.

After the December change in the family we gave — a large room on the second floor over the kitchen, where she can hear the baby when he cries; and we have made her as comfortable as we can in every way. She seems very appreciative of every favor and gift of clothing or extra money, and is almost invariably good-natured.

She goes out for an afternoon whenever she asks to, but does not average more than once in two weeks; and the last few Sundays she has taken a car-ride with the baby.

The baby is a great pet with us all, especially my daughter who is at home. She is a very bright child, quick to learn and of an amiable disposition. Some children in the neighborhood have taken her out many days after school, since the weather has been warm; and now vacation is here I suppose they will take her every day. They were a great help to — last summer in that way. The baby has been well, except occasionally a slight head cold or fussing with teething; and Dr. — is always ready to prescribe.

The Sewing Society at church has made garments for the baby twice, and my niece has sent two goodly supplies of things outgrown by her baby, and — has bought coats and bonnets. She finds time to make some dresses, and she keeps the baby's clothing well mended.

This report has been unavoidably delayed by the illness of one of our assistants, which made it impossible to obtain a full account of expenditure. In some degree to atone for this delay, a leaflet was sent out in March, giving brief statistics of the year's work.

LILIAN F. CLARKE.

MARY R. PARKMAN.

SARAH H. WILLIAMSON.

MOTHERS ASSISTED IN 1903.

Old cases (continued from 1902)	114
New cases (first taken in 1903)	222
Whole number assisted in 1903	<u>336</u>

Married women (new cases)	122
Unmarried women (new cases)	100
	<u>222</u>

Married women (old cases)	44
Unmarried women (old cases)	70
	<u>114</u>

Married women (old cases)	44
Married women (new cases)	122
	<u>166</u>

Unmarried women (old cases)	70
Unmarried women (new cases)	100
	<u>170</u>

NATIONALITY OF OLD CASES.

(Married.)

Irish	12
Irish-American	2
American	7
British Provinces	11
English	3
Scotch	3
Colored	2
Swedish	1
German-American	1
Jewess	1
Unrecorded	1
	<u>44</u>

(Unmarried.)

American	16
Irish-American	15
Irish	11
British Provinces	8
Colored	5
Scotch	3
English	2
German	1
German-American	1
French	1
French-American	1
French-Canadian	1
English-Irish	1
Scotch-Irish	1
Swedish	1
Finn	1
Unrecorded	1
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NATIONALITY OF NEW CASES.

(Married.)

American	31
British Provinces	20
Irish	19
Irish-American	11
Colored	7
English	6
Bohemian	6
Italian	3
German	1
Scotch	2
Canadian	2
German-American	3
English-Irish	2
English-Scotch	1
Scotch-American	1
Portuguese-American	1
Unrecorded	6
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	122
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(Unmarried.)

British Provinces	18
American	17
Irish	13
Irish-American	11
Colored	11
Swedish	8
English	4
Scotch-English	1
Canadian	3
German	2
German-American	1
Danish-American	1
French	1
Portuguese	1
Finn	1
Unrecorded	7
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AGES OF NEW CASES.

(Unmarried.)

16 years old	1
17 " "	2
18 " "	7
19 " "	6
20 " "	13
21 " "	5
22 " "	13
23 " "	11
24 " "	3
25 " "	7
26 " "	5
28 " "	3
29 " "	3
30 " "	3
31 " "	1
33 " "	2
35 " "	1
Over 35	6
Unrecorded	8
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Board of children	125.88
Clothing of women and children	157.88
Fares and travelling	161.21
Milk and food	12.88
Advertising	39.75
Doctors' bills and medicine	34.09
Expresses	21.30
Stationery	19.59
Postage stamps and cards	50.89
Printing report	75.18
Sundries	47.94
Rent of room for patients	42.75
Money given to patients	32.50
Telephone	30.00
Services of nurse	52.50
Funeral expenses	10.00
Catalogue cards	19.37
Salary of two assistants	1,150.00
Rent of room at Fayette Street	200.00
Extra services paid by assistant	60.00
Balance to new account	726.08
	<u>\$3,582.51</u>

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Jan. 1, 1903, cash on hand	\$698.61
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